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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 3,800 IN MARCH TO 449,400

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment increased by 3,800 in March, due almost entirely to gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in Cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 449,400 in March. This figure represents a monthly increase of 3,800 jobs and is 8,200 greater than the March 1987 level of 441,200.

MANUFACTURING

Total factory employment in Rhode Island advanced by 100 in March to 115,200. However, the current level is 1,000 below the year earlier figure of 116,200. Employment in the Durable Goods sector increased by 100 from last month to 79,600, but dropped 600 from the total recorded a year ago. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 35,600 showed no change in the February-March period, but was down 400 compared to March 1987.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Jewelry-Silverware and the Miscellaneous Manufacutring segment overshadowed declines of 100 each in Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment.

Employment levels in the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from last month. Compared to a year ago, the most substantial

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS! HIRE MORE WORKERS - PAY LESS TAXES

Rhode Island employers in the private sector are again eligible for income tax credits when they hire workers from select targeted groups.

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program (TJTC) is a cost-effective method of increasing private sector employment opportunities for certain workers while offering tax-paying business and industry direct financial incentives to make more and better jobs available and to retain those workers in the critical first year of employment.

The tax credit amounts to 40 percent of the first-year wages paid to eligible workers, up to $2,400 per worker. All you need do to qualify is retain the worker for at least 90 days or 120 hours of paid employment. There are nine groups of targeted workers - persons who normally have difficulty finding and holding a job.

TJTC is unique in its lack of "red tape" – the employer signs a simple declaration form. The R.I. Job Service determines worker eligibility.

For more information about the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program contact any of the ten local offices of the R.I. Job Service – they're listed on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

JOB SERVICE

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road Middletown	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3588
or	Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3726
Employer Relations Unit	277-3458
Jobs for Rhode Island Graduataes	277-6813
CALL-A-TEEN	Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Total Placements	676	612	746
New Applications	2,508	2,522	2,739
New Openings Received	2,149	1,261	2,551

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	% Change Feb. 1988
Initial Claims	5,591	7,520	- 25.7
No. of Payments	60,480	57,670	+ 4.9
Amt. of Payment	$ 9,983,008	$ 9,482,055	+ 5.3
Exhaustions	1,083	764	+ 41.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Initial Claim	4,025	3,823	3,843
No. of Payments	28,961	27,649	29,377
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,700,802	$ 4,529,850	$ 4,504,266

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	520.5	518.5	511.5
Unemployment	21.2	22.5	24.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	4.3	4.7
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.7	3.7	4.2

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	339.9	339.9	330.3
Unemployment	14.3	13.0	13.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	3.8	4.2

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	166.8	167.7	164.0
Unemployment	8.3	8.0	8.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	4.8	5.2

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	34,765	34,970	33,575
Unemployment	1,475	1,330	1,335
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	3.8	4.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	15,519	100.0
Men	10,724	69.1
Under 45	7,647	71.3
45 and Over	3,077	28.7
Women	4,795	30.9
Under 45	2,927	61.0
45 and Over	1,868	39.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,526	29.2
Manufacturing	4,272	27.5
Public Utilities	642	4.1
Wholesale and Retail	1,867	12.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	583	3.8
Service	1,479	9.5
All Other	2,150	13.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,762	11.4
Clerical and Sales	2,226	14.3
Service	851	5.5
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	717	4.6
Processing	343	2.2
Machine Trades	1,270	8.2
Bench Work	1,463	9.4
Structural Work	4,585	29.6
Miscellaneous	1,569	10.1
INA	733	4.7

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	449.4	445.6	441.2	+ 3,800	+ 8,200
MANUFACTURING	115.2	115.1	116.2	+ 100	- 1,000
NONMANUFACTURING	334.2	330.5	325.0	+ 3,700	+ 9,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.9	17.0	16.7	+ 900	+ 1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.5	15.3	14.7	+ 200	+ 800
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.5	101.6	99.8	+ 900	+ 2,700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.7	25.4	25.2	+ 300	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	113.6	112.1	110.5	+ 1,500	+ 3,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.0	59.1	58.1	- 100	+ 900

1988 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1987 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION - WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.2	115.1	116.2	+ 100	- 1000	334.76	320.04	39.9	39.9	8.39	8.03
DURABLE GOODS	79.6	79.5	80.2	+ 100	- 600	329.08	316.41	39.6	39.9	8.31	7.93
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 100	-	406.96	380.26	40.9	40.8	9.95	9.32
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.6	1.6	-	-	424.73	410.64	40.8	40.9	10.41	10.04
PRIMARY METALS	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 100	- 300	407.58	396.18	42.5	42.6	9.59	9.30
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	8.7	9.0	-	- 300	322.80	296.46	40.3	39.9	8.01	7.43
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.0*	-	+ 100	452.30	431.38	43.2	42.5	10.47	10.15
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.7	11.7	12.1	-	- 400	310.90	294.26	40.8	40.2	7.62	7.32
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.3	9.3	- 100	- 100	444.61	421.54	40.2	40.3	11.06	10.46
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.8*	-	-	331.67	329.93	40.3	41.5	8.23	7.95
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.5	23.4	23.0	+ 100	+ 500	255.74	250.88	38.0	39.2	6.73	6.40
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	5.8	6.0	+ 100	- 100	248.80	245.70	34.7	35.2	7.17	6.98
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.6	35.6	36.0	-	- 400	346.72	328.78	40.6	39.9	8.54	8.24
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	3.1	2.8	- 100	+ 200	311.47	281.56	37.8	38.1	8.24	7.39
TEXTILES	10.0	10.0	10.2	-	- 200	310.49	291.73	40.8	39.8	7.61	7.33
APPAREL	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 100	- 400	294.53	287.05	42.5	42.4	6.93	6.77
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	311.00	295.51	40.6	41.1	7.66	7.19
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.8	6.8	+ 100	+ 100	455.14	414.78	39.2	37.3	11.61	11.12
CHEMICAL PRODUC TS	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 100	- 100	448.86	418.99	41.6	40.6	10.79	10.32
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	-	- 100	364.04	345.27	41.7	41.8	8.73	8.26
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.6	-	+ 100	359.04	337.01	41.7	40.8	8.61	8.26
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	-	243.43	240.78	39.2	40.4	6.21	5.96

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employment increase occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+ 500), followed by an upturn of 100 in Nonelectrical Machinery. Conversely, for the twelve month period, job decreases were registered in Electrical Machinery (-400), Primary Metals (-300), Fabricated Metals (-300) Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-100 each). Employment in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass and Instruments showed no change from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly employment gains in Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products (+ 100 each) were offset by reductions of 100 each in Food-Beverage and Apparel. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from their month earlier employment levels. On an annual comparison, advances were recorded in Food-Beverage (+ 200), Printing-Publishing and Plastics Products (+ 100 each). At the same time, a sizable job decline was posted in Apparel (-400), followed by Textiles (-200), Chemical Products and Rubber Products (-100 each). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged compared to a year earlier.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 3,700 from February to March, primarily due to seasonal hiring in Services, Trade and Contract Construction. In addition, the current employment total of 334,200 is 9,200 above the year ago level of 325,000.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment rose 1,500 for the month to 113,600 and was up 3,100 compared to March 1987. Both Contract Construction, at 17,900, and Trade employment, at 102,500 reported monthly gains of 900. On an annual basis, the former advanced 1,200 while the latter segment increased by 2,700 jobs. Although overall Government employment declined 100 from February, the current total of 59,000 was 900 greater than the figure reported a year ago. Reflecting a monthly job gain of 300, payroll levels in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased to 25,700, which was 500 higher than the March 1987 total. Transportation and Public Utilities employment, at 15,500, posted a monthly upturn of 200 and an annual gain of 800.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $8.39 in mid-March, and were up 36 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.1 of an hour in March to 39.9 hours, which was identical to the figure reported in March 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers in March amounted to $334.76, which represents an increase of $2.03 from last month, and a gain of $14.72 from March of last year.

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